

2. (Amended) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 1 wherein the base is disposed toward a generally horizontal surface, the pocket is vee-shaped and is configured and dimensioned to receive a cat litter scoop such that its longitudinal axis is generally vertical when it is received in the pocket.

3. (Amended) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 1 wherein the pocket has a trough at its bottom that is perforate and that collects matter from a cat litter scoop when a cat litter scoop is received in the pocket.

4. (Amended) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 3 wherein the trough is disposed adjacent an edge at a free end of a scoop portion of a cat litter scoop when a cat litter scoop is received in the pocket of the cat litter scoop holder.

10. (Amended) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 9 wherein the pocket is generally vee-shaped to receive the cat litter scoop.

13. (Amended) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 11 wherein the cat litter scoop holder further comprises a spacer in the pocket that is disposed adjacent the apex of the pocket and that extends inwardly from the rear wall to keep a cat litter scoop in an upright position when a cat litter scoop is received in the pocket.

17. (Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop that has a perforate scoop portion and a handle, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:

a base upon which the cat litter scoop holder can stand upright on a generally horizontal surface;

a rear wall that has a pair of inturned flanges;

an outwardly inclined retainer wall that extends outwardly from adjacent the rear wall; wherein the retainer wall and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket that orients a cat litter scoop received in the pocket in an upright position with its handle extending upwardly beyond the pocket; and

wherein one of the flanges of the rear wall is disposed on one side of the cat litter scoop and is curved and generally follows a part of the outer peripheral contour of the scoop portion when the scoop is received in the pocket of the cat litter scoop holder and the other one of the flanges of the rear wall is disposed on the other side of the cat litter scoop and is curved and generally follows another part of the outer peripheral contour of the scoop portion when the scoop is received in the pocket of the cat litter scoop holder.

20. (Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop that has a perforate scoop portion and a handle, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:

a base upon which the cat litter scoop holder can stand upright on a generally horizontal surface;

a rear wall that has a pair of inturned flanges

an inclined retainer wall that extends outwardly from adjacent the rear wall;

wherein the retainer wall and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket; and

a bracket that releasably engages the rear to releasably mount the cat litter scoop holder to the wall; and

wherein one of the flanges is disposed on one side of the cat litter scoop and is curved and generally following a part of the outer peripheral contour of the scoop portion when the scoop is received in the pocket of the cat litter scoop holder and the other one of the flanges is disposed on the other side of the cat litter scoop and is curved and generally following another part of the outer peripheral contour of the scoop portion when the scoop is received in the pocket of the cat litter scoop holder.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:

a base;

a retainer lip extending upwardly from the base;

a rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip, wherein the rear wall has a height that is higher than a height of the retainer lip; and

wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a pocket that is dimensioned and configured to receive a cat litter scoop.

22. (New) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 21, wherein the rear wall has a pair of inturned flanges with one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of one side of the rear wall and the other one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of the other side of the rear wall.

23. (New) The cat litter scoop holder of claim 21, wherein the retainer lip does not move in relationship to the rear wall when a cat litter scoop is inserted or removed from the pocket.

24. (New) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:

a base;

a retainer lip extending upwardly from the base;

a rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip and that has a pair of inturned flanges with one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of one side of the rear wall and the other one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of the other side of the rear wall; and

wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a scoop receiving pocket.

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25. (New) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:
a base;
an outwardly inclined retainer wall that extends outwardly from adjacent the rear wall;
a rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip; and
~~wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket.~~

26. (New) The cat scoop holder of claim 25, wherein the retainer wall has a generally triangular cross section.
